

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 40

Assembly Amendments 3 and 5

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Assembly Bill 40 provides that a retired peace officer who meets certain requirements and applies for the authority to carry a concealed weapon may be given permission to carry a concealed weapon and go armed with a handgun in certain taverns and restaurants.

One of the eligibility criteria is that, within the preceding two-year period, the retired peace officer successfully completed a course of eight hours or less that was offered by a technical college and that covered the safe use and storage of a handgun or the equivalent course offered by any other institution or program.

Assembly Amendment 3 provides that the course must have included practice at a firing range.

Assembly Bill 40 defines "qualified retired peace officer" as a person whose request for authorization to carry a concealed weapon has been granted, who continues to meet the requirements for such an authorization, and who holds a valid driver's license or state identification card containing the designation indicating that he or she is authorized to carry a concealed weapon.

Assembly Amendment 5 also provides that, in order to be a qualified retired peace officer, the person must have notified the sheriff of the county in which he or she resides of the authorization to carry a concealed weapon by providing the sheriff a copy of the person's driver's license or state identification card containing the designation of the authorization.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 3 was offered by Representative Albers. Assembly Amendment 5 was offered by Representatives Musser and Sherman. Both of the amendments were adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote on March 13, 2003.

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